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# CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, AND FIRM DISCLOSURE

#### Law

The firm disclosure form is required of corporations, partnerships, and firms practicing or offering to practice architecture, engineering, and/or landscape architecture in the state of Tennessee in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated* (T.C.A.) Title 62, Chapter 2, Part 6, Sections 62-2-601 and 62-2-602. Firms offering only interior design services are not required to file a disclosure with the Board.

The firm's name must be in compliance with Tennessee's "title act"--T.C.A., Sections 62-2-101 and 62-2-105(c). (A "person" includes a corporation, firm, company, or association.) The Attorney General's office has ruled that if the firm's name uses the plural form of architect, engineer, or landscape architect, then there must be more than one Tennessee registered architect, engineer, or landscape architect in the firm (they would not, however, all have to be officers and/or principals). Furthermore, if the firm's name incorporates individuals' names in conjunction with the plural form of architect, engineer or landscape architect (for example, Smith and Jones Architects), then all of the individuals listed in the name (both Smith and Jones) must hold current and active Tennessee registration, unless documentation can be provided that the individuals are retired, deceased, etc.

The law can be accessed from our home page listed above or you may obtain a copy by contacting the Board office at the address above.

### Firm Disclosure

This form is for firm disclosure, not firm registration. No fee is required.

Only officers or principals who are employed full-time and hold active Tennessee registration can be in responsible charge of the firm's practice.

- A "principal" is considered to be an individual who has the authority to make independent design decisions. He/She is not required to be an officer in the firm.
- The person in responsible charge must be registered in the profession in which services are being offered.
- A person cannot be in responsible charge of more than one office.

## **Tennessee Branch Office Disclosure**

The Tennessee branch office form (Attachment A) should only be completed if: 1) the outof-state firm has branch offices in Tennessee, or 2) a Tennessee-based firm has more than one office in Tennessee.

- A branch office form (<u>Attachment A</u>) should be completed for each branch office (city or town) located in Tennessee from which professional design services are offered to the public.
- The registrant in responsible charge of a Tennessee branch office is not required to be an officer or principal.

#### **Forms**

The form(s) that follow these instructions may be filled out online. The forms must then be printed and signed. The Board does not accept electronic document filing of the disclosure form; the completed form must be mailed to the address above.

Please retain a completed copy for your records. Advise the Board, in writing, within sixty (60) days of any address change. Submit a new firm disclosure if reporting any other changes such as a firm/company name change, changes in registration status of principals or officers, changes in principals or officers who are designated to be in responsible charge, etc.

## **Board Contact**

If you have any questions regarding the firm disclosure requirements, please contact Jason Gilliam, Firm Disclosure Coordinator at the phone numbers listed above or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:iason.gilliam@state.tn.us">iason.gilliam@state.tn.us</a>.



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# Corporation, Partnership and Firm Disclosure

Required by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-2-601

Each place of business providing or offering architectural, engineering, or landscape architectural services to the public in Tennessee must file a firm disclosure form.

Α.	Complete one form for each type of professional design service offered to the public in Tennessee.					
	Check one:Architecture	EngineeringLandscape A	rchitecture			
В.	heck one:New DisclosureUpdate (give previous name, if different from current name):					
C.	Name of Firm					
	Doing business as A Business Corporation; A Professional Corporation; A Partnership; A Sole Proprietorship; Other (please explain)					
				Address		
	Telephone Number	Fax Number				
		Website Address (optional) Firm's E-mail Address				
	υ.	Names, Titles, Addresses of <u>all</u> Officers and/or Principals. Include Tennessee registration numbers for those holding Tennessee registration. (Attach additional sheet if necessary)				
E.			or Principal in responsible charge of the firm's			
	practice in Tennessee and who is registered to practice the profession indicated in section A.					
	Type or Print Name	Title	TN Registration Number			
	Office Address					
	Telephone Number	Fax Number	Registrant's E-Mail Address			
	Signature		Date			
F.	List any and each branch office (city or town) located in Tennessee from which professional design services are					
	offered to the public. Attachme	ent "A" must be completed for each loca	ation.			

Please advise the Board office, in writing at the address above, within sixty (60) days of ANY changes in the above information.